Sl. No.	Name of Proposal	Date of Receipt
37.	Reconstruction of Chichari Bridge at Km 192/6 of NH-43	28.5.2001
38.	Reconstruction of Bridge at Km 109/10 of NH-43	24.1.2002
39.	Reconstruction of minor bridge at Km 90/6 on NH-6	30.4.2002
40.	Reconstruction of minor bridge at Km 142/2 and Km 152/4 on NH-6	3.4.2002
41.	Reconstruction of minor bridge at Km 268/2 on NH-6	22.4.2002

Mutual credit guarantee for SSI

1066. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized a plan for introduction of a mutual credit guarantee for the small scale industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would replace the existing scheme or it is an additional one?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) The Government of India has requested the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Small Industries (CGTSI) to operationalise the Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme (MCGS). The scheme aims to provide collateral free loans under which CGTSI gives counter guarantee to Mutual Credit Guarantee Funds set up by Industry Associations in respect of credit availed by their member small scale industrial units from the dedicated banks.

(c) Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme (MCGS) is an additional scheme.

Loans for SSIs

1067. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry are aware that banks are reluctant to render loan facilities to small scale industries on one reason or another; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to suitably instruct the banks to give loans to SSIs on time?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) The SSI entrepreneurs/Associations have been bringing to the notice of the Government the problems being faced by them in obtaining credit from the banks.

(b) With a view to provide loans in time, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has advised the banks that all loan applications upto Rs. 25,000 should be disposed of within two weeks and upto Rs. 5 lakh should be disposed of within a period of four weeks provided the loan applications are complete in all respects.

Contribution of SSIs

1068. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of the Small Scale Industries to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

(b) the data for the last three years; and

(c) what further steps Government propose to initiate to ensure growth of this sector with a view to increase its share in GDP and create employment opportunities?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) The estimated contribution of the Small Scale Industries (SSI) Sector in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country during the last three years (latest available) *i.e.* during 1998-99, 1999-00 and 2000-01 was 6.81%, 6.70% and 6.86%, respectively.

(c) Taking into consideration the higher potential for growth in the Small Scale Industries (SSI) Sector in terms of output, employment and exports, the strategy for Tenth Plan is to strengthen the sector to enable it to remain competitive in market-led economy and generate additional jobs. For achieving these objectives, the SSI sector would be provided proper and timely inputs like: